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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-207

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: August 19, 2004

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-207, Invitation 094

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to Needy Families and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Tuesday, August 31, 2004**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 13, 2004. Deliveries are to be made from November 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Fruit and Nut Mix 24/1 lb. 21,840 cases

Ingredients: Composed of the following combination in equal portions – 20 percent of each product: Natural Thompson (sun-dried) seedless raisins, date pieces (chopped), fig pieces, and English walnut (small) pieces.

- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable, as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.
- No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.



- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2002 crop year or later.

Vendors doing business with USDA are required to be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system, before being awarded contracts. If the Offeror is not registered in the CCR database within 48 hours after bid opening, offers will be deemed non-responsive.

Assignees shall be separately registered in the CCR database. Once a contract has been awarded, the Contractor shall not change the name or address for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments in the CCR record for the purpose of assignment of claims.

Offerors may obtain information on CCR registration and annual renewal requirements via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling 1-888-227-2423 or 269-961-5757.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-207, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-207, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV207
 INVITATION : 094
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 20 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/04 - 11/15/04					
001	SAVANNAH	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
002	ALBUQUERQUE	NM		1,456	
003	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/04 - 12/15/04					
004	EAU CLAIRE	WI		702	
	MADISON	WI	TRUCK ONLY	754	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/05 - 01/15/05					
005	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	728	
006	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/05 - 01/31/05					
007	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/05 - 02/15/05					
008	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	728	
009	RUSSELL SPRINGS	KY	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/16/05 - 02/28/05					
010	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	728	
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/05 - 03/15/05					
011	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
012	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	728	

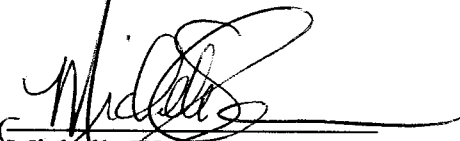
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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/05 - 03/15/05					
013	ALEXANDRIA	LA	TRUCK ONLY	466	
	MONROE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	466	
	SHREVEPORT	LA	TRUCK ONLY	524	
014	AUBURN	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	

DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/05 - 03/31/05

015	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE	21,840
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 Michelle Warren
 Contracting Officer

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